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TO SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFEELE

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: YOUR LUNCHEON AT MONROVIA FOR  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN (S/S NO. 7608168)

### 1. BACKGROUND.

YOU HAVE AGREED TO HOST A LUNCHEON AT MONROVIA ON APRIL  
30 FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN BASED IN LIBERIA. THE MATTER  
OF HOW LARGE A LUNCHEON PARTY YOU WISH AND WHETHER YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS TO THE GROUP AFTER LUNCHEON  
REMAINS TO BE DECIDED.

### 2. OPTIONS.

OPTION I - RECOMMEND THAT YOU HOST SIT-DOWN LUNCHEON  
AT SMALL TABLES FOR 40 PERSONS, INCLUDING 30 TO 35  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, AT THE RESIDENCE ON APRIL 30.

OPTION II - RECOMMEND THAT YOU HOST A SIT-DOWN LUNCHEON  
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FOR 24 PERSONS, CONSISTING OF 15-18 AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN

PLUS YOUR STAFF, AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON APRIL 30.

OPTION III - RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE A FEW REMARKS TO

THE GROUP FOR FIVE OR TEN MINUTES FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON.

### 3. DISCUSSION

LIBERIA RANKS AS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT COUNTRIES FOR US INVESTMENT. MAJOR AMERICAN MINING INTERESTS ARE LOCATED THERE, AND SUCH CORPORATIONS AS FIRESTONE, BETHLEHEM STEEL, SKELLY OIL, AMAX, SUN OIL, CHEMICAL BANK AND THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OPERATE THERE DIRECTLY OR THROUGH SUBSIDIARIES. MONROVIA THEREFORE IS A LOGICAL PLACE IN YOUR AFRICAN TOUR TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A US BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

THE LUNCHEON CAN EITHER BE A SIT-DOWN AFFAIR FOR UP TO 24 PERSONS OR A SIT-DOWN LUNCH AT SMALL TABLES. THE LATTER ARRANGEMENT WILL PERMIT YOU TO MEET WITH ALMOST TWICE AS MANY BUSINESSMEN, ABOUT 30 TO 35, AS THE SIT-DOWN AFFAIR.

YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS TO THE GROUP. THE GUESTS WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, THE FUTURE OF US ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS AND AMERICAN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT.

### 4. AF VIEWS.

I RECOMMEND THAT YOU MEET WITH AS LARGE A GROUP AS POSSIBLE, I.E., APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 PLUS SOME OF YOUR STAFF, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. A LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE SERVED AT SMALL TABLES CAN BE ARRANGED TO SUIT YOUR PREFERENCES. I ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE A FEW REMARKS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON, LIMITING YOUR REMARKS TO FIVE OR TEN MINUTES.

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### 5. RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION I (SIT-DOWN LUNCHEON AT SMALL TABLES FOR 40 PERSONS)

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ALTERNATIVELY THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION II (SIT-DOWN LUNCHEON

FOR 24 PERSONS) APPROVE DISAPPROVE

ADDITIONALLY, THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION III (ADDRESS THE  
GROUP FOR 5-10 MINUTES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

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